

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-6 (Canceled)

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): An image forming apparatus comprising:
storage means for storing setting information including at least a size of a substitute
recording medium; and
processing means for executing a print instruction by automatically changing a size of
a recording medium to be used to the size of the substitute recording medium based on the
setting information stored in said storage means, when the size of the recording medium
specified by the print instruction is not available.

~~The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1,~~ wherein said processing means invalidates the setting information with respect to second and subsequent pages of the recording medium of identical size during one print job.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): An image forming apparatus comprising:
storage means for storing setting information including at least a size of a substitute
recording medium; and
processing means for executing a print instruction by automatically changing a size of
a recording medium to be used to the size of the substitute recording medium based on the
setting information stored in said storage means, when the size of the recording medium
specified by the print instruction is not available.

~~The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1,~~ wherein said processing means invalidates the setting information with respect to corresponding pages of second and

subsequent volumes during one print job when printing a plurality of volumes by a stacking or sorting operation.

Claims 9-15 (Canceled)

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): An image forming method comprising:
a reading step reading setting information which includes at least a size of a substitute
recording medium from storage means; and
a processing step executing a print instruction by automatically changing a size of a
recording medium to be used to the size of the substitute recording medium based on the
setting information stored in said storage means, when the size of the recording medium
specified by the print instruction is not available,

~~The image forming method as claimed in claim 10,~~ wherein said processing step invalidates the setting information with respect to second and subsequent pages of the recording medium of identical size during one print job.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): An image forming method comprising:
a reading step reading setting information which includes at least a size of a substitute
recording medium from storage means; and
a processing step executing a print instruction by automatically changing a size of a
recording medium to be used to the size of the substitute recording medium based on the
setting information stored in said storage means, when the size of the recording medium
specified by the print instruction is not available,

~~The image forming method as claimed in claim 10~~, wherein said processing step invalidates the setting information with respect to corresponding pages of second and subsequent volumes during one print job when printing a plurality of volumes by a stacking or sorting operation.

Claims 18-21 (Canceled)

Claim 22 (New): An image forming apparatus comprising:

a storage configured to store setting information including at least a size of a substitute recording medium; and

a processor configured to execute a print instruction by automatically changing a size of a recording medium to be used to the size of the substitute recording medium based on the setting information stored in the storage, when the size of the recording medium specified by the print instruction is not available,

wherein the processor is configured to invalidate the setting information with respect to second and subsequent pages of the recording medium of identical size during one print job.

Claim 23 (New): An image forming apparatus comprising:

a storage configured to store setting information including at least a size of a substitute recording medium; and

a processor configured to execute a print instruction by automatically changing a size of a recording medium to be used to the size of the substitute recording medium based on the

setting information stored in the storage, when the size of the recording medium specified by the print instruction is not available,

wherein processor is configured to invalidate the setting information with respect to corresponding pages of second and subsequent volumes during one print job when printing a plurality of volumes by a stacking or sorting operation.

Claim 24 (New): An image forming method comprising:

reading setting information which includes at least a size of a substitute recording medium from a storage; and

executing a print instruction by automatically changing a size of a recording medium to be used to the size of the substitute recording medium based on the setting information stored in the storage, when the size of the recording medium specified by the print instruction is not available,

wherein the executing the print instruction includes invalidating the setting information with respect to second and subsequent pages of the recording medium of identical size during one print job.

Claim 25 (New): An image forming method comprising:

reading setting information which includes at least a size of a substitute recording medium from a storage; and

executing a print instruction by automatically changing a size of a recording medium to be used to the size of the substitute recording medium based on the setting information stored in the storage, when the size of the recording medium specified by the print instruction is not available,

wherein the executing the print instruction includes invalidating the setting information with respect to corresponding pages of second and subsequent volumes during one print job when printing a plurality of volumes by a stacking or sorting operation.

Claim 26 (New): A computer-readable storage medium which stores a computer program for causing a computer to print information on a recording medium in response to a print instruction, said computer program comprising:

a reading computer code causing the computer to read setting information which includes at least a size of a substitute recording medium from a storage; and

a processing computer code causing the computer to execute the print instruction by automatically changing a size of a recording medium to be used to the size of the substitute recording medium based on the setting information stored in the storage, when the size of the recording medium specified by the print instruction is not available, and by invalidating the setting information with respect to second and subsequent pages of the recording medium of identical size during one print job.

Claim 27 (New): A computer-readable storage medium which stores a computer program for causing a computer to print information on a recording medium in response to a print instruction, said computer program comprising:

a reading computer code causing the computer to read setting information which includes at least a size of a substitute recording medium from a storage; and

a processing computer code causing the computer to execute the print instruction by automatically changing a size of a recording medium to be used to the size of the substitute recording medium based on the setting information stored in said storage means, when the

size of the recording medium specified by the print instruction is not available, and by invalidating the setting information with respect to corresponding pages of second and subsequent volumes during one print job when printing a plurality of volumes by a stacking or sorting operation.